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IBCT Role in WAS/CAM

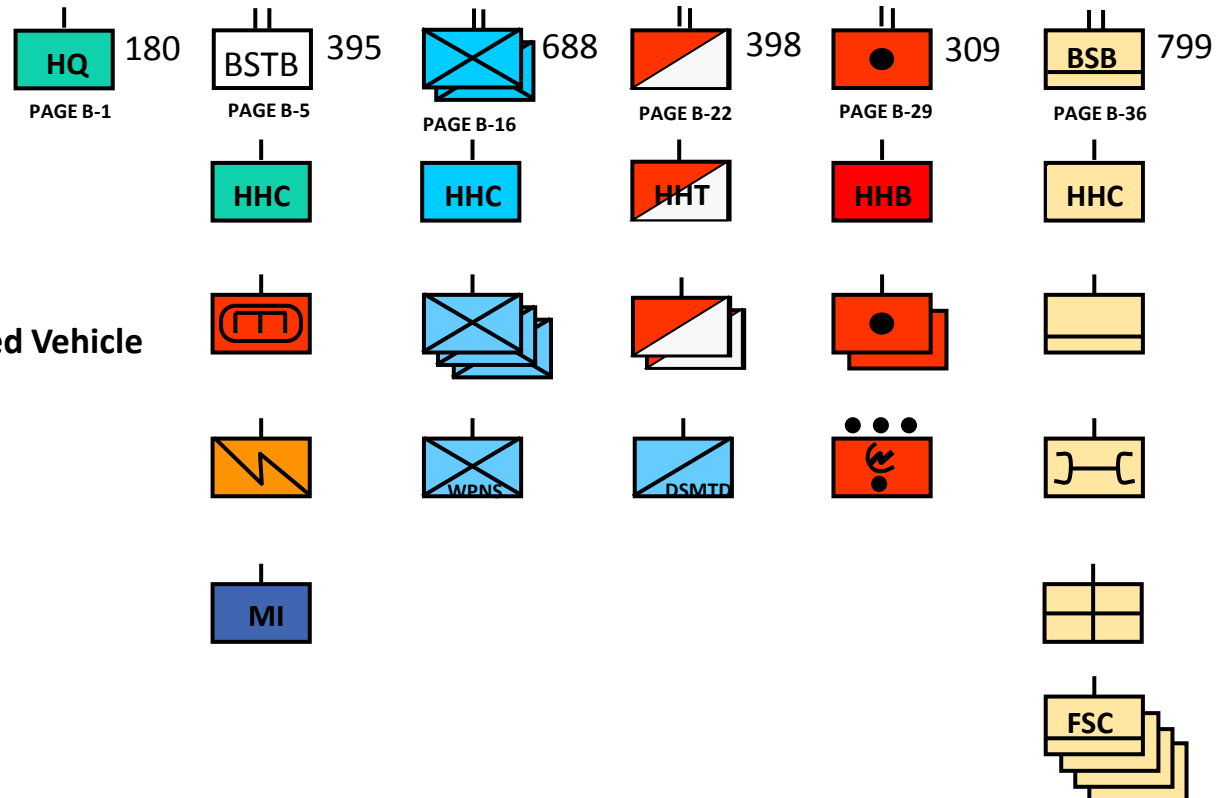


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The IBCT is the Army's Lightest BCT

- Light /Airborne/Air Assault
- Requires Less logistic and strategic support than other BCTs
- Theater-Wide reach
- Organic: AT;MI; ART; SIG; ENG; RECON; and Sustainment elements
- Optimized for operations in close terrain: Swamps; woods; Hilly; Mountains and densely populated area.

IBCT



Reconnaissance Squadron

- HHT
- 2 Mounted Troops -Armored Wheeled Vehicle
- 1 Dismounted



IBCT Capabilities



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Combined Arms Maneuver

- (-) lack of UAV coverage for all maneuver elements
- Fundamental Battlefield Calculus/COFM still applies
- Recon platform for IBCTs need concerted effort to improve (protection vs mobility)
- CAM must included and account for a joint fight and employment/use of joint assets
- Human interaction (BOG) is still a critical component
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Wide Area Security

- (-) lack of UAV coverage for all maneuver elements
- Security/fighting -different missions
- Bypass criteria? Control measures
- Wide area of responsibility (distance) broader assets to assist in security
- Dispersed & decentralized nature of WAS creates increased sustainment and mission command challenges
- How do we translate the WAS construct into a useable form for recon units (graphic control measures, T&P)?
- The unknown distances inherent in WAS increases the demand for echeloned UAS platforms
- “Fight for information” may actually be “maneuver for information”
- Human interaction is still a critical component



Doctrine



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- Terms: WAS, CAM, Screen, Guard, etc.
- Define Chief of Reconnaissance at the BDE? DCO? SCO?
- Commander's Reconnaissance Guidance is appropriate and necessary
- Transition to CAM requires fundamental understanding of COFMs (automated tool/app)



Organization



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- UAS
 - OSRVT:
 - 2 Squadron level
 - 1 each troop
 - Raven/ WASP platoon level
 - UAV feed encryption– enemy can see what you see
- Precision weapons
- Laser designated – all Recon team should have the ability to laze targets.
- Dismounted Trp should be 3 PLTs vice 2
- Define what we want from Recon org – Nine years of misuse



Training



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- Align JFO course to ARFORGEN to increase the JFO qualified Soldiers prior to deployment. Long term- increase density of JTACs in Recon Squadron
- Simulations can maximize limited training time prior to deployments and enhance “live” or field training time



Leader Development



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- Use of simulations and learning through repetition can accelerate a young leaders' experience without putting Soldiers at risk through poor decisions